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**Advisory Announcement** 

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SITKA SOUND HERRING FISHERY UPDATE #9

Sitka...Today's aerial survey covered the Sitka Sound area from Windy Passage to Krestof Sound. Weather during the flight was marginal with 40-knot winds and high overcast. A total of 2.5 nautical miles of active herring spawn was observed on Kruzof Island from Sitka Point to Fred's Creek, near Brent's Beach, and in Eastern Bay on Krestof Island (Figure 1). Additionally, a small area of spawn was observed on outer Kruzof Island south of Shelikof Bay. The cumulative miles of herring spawn to date is approximately 8.0 nautical miles.

The next aerial survey and fishery update will be Tuesday, March 31.

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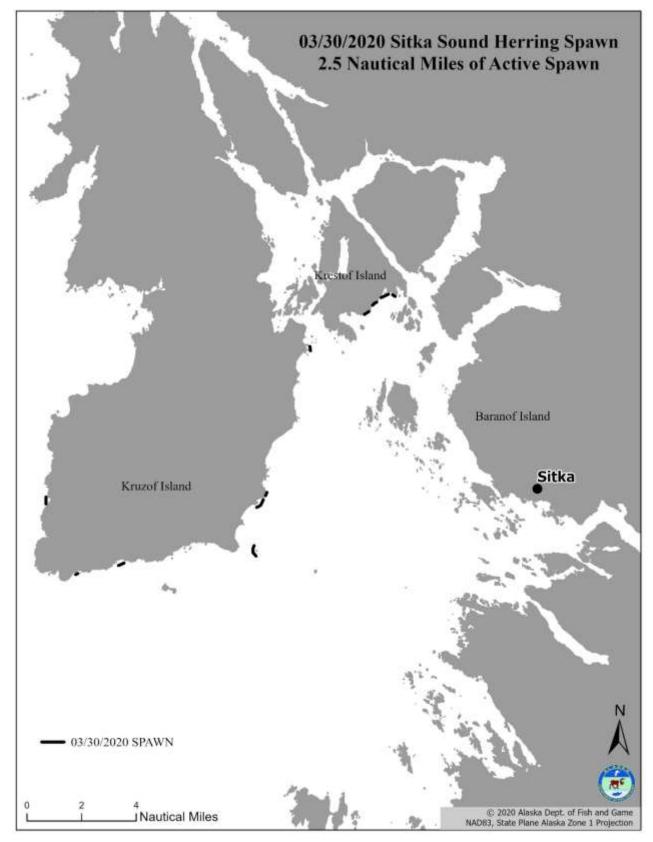


Figure 1. Active herring spawn observed in Sitka Sound on March 30, 2020.